

The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: January 2015



Most Howard County Government offices and facilities will be closed from 5 pm on Wednesday, December 24, and will re-open at 8:00am on Monday, January 5. The Council's office will re-open at 8 a.m. on Monday, January 5. As always, the 9-1-1 Center, Police and Fire departments remain staffed and are operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For a complete list of openings



and closings, including the "slide schedule" for trash and recycling, visit the County's website at www.howardcountymd.gov. We apologize for any inconvenience and wish you and your family a happy holiday! Want to lend your voice to local

and state legislation? This newsletter highlights bills currently under consideration by the County Council and the Howard County Delegation when the Maryland General Assembly is in session. Listed below, you will find copies of those bills where available. To promote an engaged citizenry, I encourage you to review this information and share your comments on Council bills by submitting testimony to councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. Testimony may also be submitted in person during the Council's Public Hearing, generally held the 3rd Monday of each month. To sign-up in advance to testify, click [here](#).

For your convenience, I've included legislation under consideration by the Delegation. For details, please contact **Dan Furman** at **410-841-3360** or email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

I hope you find this informative and use this opportunity to become an integral part of our legislative process.

INTRODUCTIONS

All current Council legislation can be found [online](#). All Prefiled legislation can be found online by [clicking here](#).

FINANCIAL

[SAO2-FY2015](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring a total of \$400,000 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works for grants to assist in improving enhanced nutrient removal performance levels.

Final Action:

Votes:

[SAO3-FY2015](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$32,530 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Corrections for the Safe Streets grant that will provide reentry services for inmates returning to the community.

Final Action:

Votes:

[SAO4-FY2015](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$19,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the State's Attorney's Office for increased costs due to new requirements that an attorney be available for initial bond hearings.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB1-2015

Introduced by: The Chairman at the request of the County Executive

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$100,000,000 consolidated public improvement bonds and up to \$50,000,000 metropolitan district bonds, pursuant to various bond enabling laws; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, and other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures and to determine the method of sale of such bonds; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR1-2015

Introduced by: The Chairman at the request of the Board of Education

A RESOLUTION approving the transfer of a total of \$4,036,000 between capital projects in the Board of Education capital budget for Fiscal Year 2015.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB2-2015

Introduced by: The Chairman at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT for the purpose of authorizing and empowering Howard County, Maryland to borrow money in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$3,263,000 on its full faith and credit, and issue and sell its bonds therefor, to be used to pay costs of various capital projects, more particularly described in the County's 2015 Capital Budget, and to pay costs of issuance of such bonds; authorizing the County to issue bond anticipation notes or to enter into installment purchase agreements for payment of portions of such costs; and to levy taxes upon the assessable property within the County sufficient, together with other available funds, to pay the debt service on such obligations; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Final Action:

Votes:

GENERAL

CR2-2015

Introduced by: Council Member, Calvin Ball

A RESOLUTION approving Phase 1 of the Urban Renewal Plan for the urban renewal project initiated for the Long Reach Village Center by County Council Resolution No. 22-2014; identifying the authorized actions in Phase 1; and providing that the actions authorized are in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

FINAL CONSIDERATION

GENERAL

CB54-2014 (ZRA 152)

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to add provisions concerning the use and subdivision of R-ED properties that contain Agricultural Land Preservation Easements; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR123-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and between the Howard County, Maryland and Riverwatch Elkridge LLLP, a limited liability limited partnership, for a multi-family rental housing development to be known as Riverwatch.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR124-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to convey certain real property owned by the County containing approximately 3 acres to the Howard County Housing Commission; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the land if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

Final Action:

Votes:

[CR125-2014](#)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to convey certain real property owned by the County containing approximately 2.142 acres to Rock Realty, Inc.; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the land if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

Final Action:

Votes:

TABLED

APPOINTMENTS

[CR80-2014](#)

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of William E. Erskine to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority

Last Action: Tabled on 7/25/2014

Votes: Unanimous

[CR100-2014](#)

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Judy Harris to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Last Action: Tabled on 10/6/2014

Votes: Unanimous

[CR105-2014](#)

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of E. Randolph Marriner to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Last Action: Tabled on 10/6/2014

Votes: Unanimous

[CR118-2014](#)

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION reappointing John D. Lederer to the Board of Appeals of Howard County, Maryland, to fill a term ending on December 31, 2019.

Last Action: Tabled on 10/29/2014

Votes: Unanimous

THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:30pm: Legislative Session
- Monday, January 12, 2015 at 8:30am: Monthly Meeting in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 8:30 pm: Quarterly meeting with the Board of Education
- Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:30pm: Legislative Public Hearing
- Monday, January 26, 2015 at 4:30 pm: Legislative Work Session
- Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:30pm: Legislative Session
- Monday, February 9, 2015 at 8:30am: Monthly Meeting in the CVG Room
- Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:30pm: Legislative Public
- Monday, February 23, 2015 at 4:30 pm: Legislative Work Session

* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, click [here](#).

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions [online](#) and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed in real time on this website.



Howard County State Delegation Legislation

We would like to thank Senator James Robey, Delegate Elizabeth Bobo, Delegate Steven DeBoy, Delegate James Malone for their many years of service to the residents of Howard County. We have enjoyed working with you and wish you well in your future plans.

Congratulation to Senator Gail Bates (formally a Delegate), Senator Guy Guzzone (formally a Delegate), Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, Delegate Eric Ebersole, Delegate Bob Flanagan, Delegate Terri Hill, Delegate Trent Kittleman, Delegate Clarence Lam on their election. We look forward to working with them to better our community.

Thank you also, to Senator Edward Kasemeyer, Delegate Warren Miller, Delegate Shane Pendergrass, and Delegate Frank Turner for your continuing efforts and hard work for the people of Howard County. We are excited to see what the coming year will bring.

Maryland Senate:

District 9 Gail Bates



District 12 Edward Kasemeyer



District 13 Guy Guzzone



Maryland House of Delegates:

District 9A Warren Miller



District 9A Trent Kittleman



District 12 Eric Ebersole



District 12 Terri Hill



District 12 Clarence Lam



District 13 Vanessa Atterbeary



District 13 Shane Pendergrass



District 13 Frank Turner



The 2015 legislative session will begin on January 14, 2015. For your convenience, I have shared an update of the delegation bills that will be introduced below. For further information, contact **Dan Furman** at the Howard County Delegation Office at **410-841-3360** or email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Environmental Education Center Renovation and Expansion

Introduced by Howard County Senators

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Conservancy, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Harriet Tubman Center

Introduced by Delegate Frank Turner

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Community Action Council Food Bank Facility

Introduced by Senator Guy Guzzone

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Event – Education Permits

Introduced by Delegate Warren Miller

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special event – education beer and wine tasting alcoholic beverages permit and a special event – education beer, wine, and liquor tasting alcoholic beverages permit; specifying that a special event – education alcoholic beverages permit

authorized under this Act may be issued to a holder of a certain alcoholic beverages license; specifying that a holder of a special event – education alcoholic beverages permit authorized under this Act may provide from the holder's inventory certain alcoholic beverages to a consumer who has preregistered for a certain event, subject to certain limitations; specifying a permit fee; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

Howard County – Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board – Compensation

Introduced by Senator Guy Guzzone

FOR the purpose of providing that the compensation for the Howard County Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board shall be the amount set by the Howard County Council; and generally relating to the compensation for the Howard County Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board.

Howard County – Casino Events – Authorized

Introduced by Delegate Warren Miller

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain organizations to hold certain casino events in Howard County at certain intervals of time; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits before operating a casino event; requiring the Howard County Executive to forward a recommendation to the Howard County Council concerning the fee to be charged for a permit; requiring the County Council to adopt by resolution the amount of the permit fee; specifying the types of organizations eligible to conduct a casino event; requiring a permit holder for a casino event to ensure that certain standards are met; prohibiting a permit holder from offering cumulative prizes in excess of a certain amount; specifying certain prohibited acts and reporting requirements for a permit holder for a casino event; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations governing casino events; altering in Howard County the application of certain general provisions of law governing gaming in the State; establishing certain exceptions to prohibitions against conducting a casino event or operating or awarding prizes using certain gaming devices; defining a certain term; and generally relating to casino events in Howard County.

Howard County – Insurance – Certificates of Guarantee for County Bond Requirements

Introduced by Senator Guy Guzzone

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County to honor certificates of guarantee that are issued by certain associations or their wholly owned subsidiaries on behalf of certain contractors for the purpose of satisfying certain county bond requirements; providing that Howard County is not required under certain provisions of law to honor certain certificates of guarantee; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to Howard County and certificates of guarantee.

Howard County – Howard County – Howard County Historical Society Roof Repair

Introduced by Senator James Robey

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$35,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Historical Society, Incorporated for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan

Creation of a State Debt - Howard County – Historic Clover Hill Farm Restoration

Introduced by Senator Guy Guzzone

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to for the design, construction and restoration/rehabilitation of the 1,850 square foot Clover Hill Farm House, located within Rockburn Branch Park in ElkrIDGE.

Howard County – County Income Tax – Maximum Rate

Introduced by Delegate Warren Miller

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum rate for the county income tax that Howard County may set for certain taxable years; repealing obsolete language; and generally relating to the county income tax.

For further information or to submit testimony on any of this legislation, contact Dan Furman at the Howard County Delegation office at 410-841-3360 or hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful, and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,



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“Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved”

~ **Mattie Stepanek**